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EDITORIAL

Beat the fellow at his job and one of these mornings you'll wake up famous—you'll be boss.

Success is not half so much a matter of talent as it is of concentration and dogged persistence.

The newly appointed secretary of New Mexico, Mr. Nathan Jaffa, and family, after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jaffa, of Denver, have taken up their residence in Santa Fe. He will at once assume his official duties.

That was a mighty smooth advertising specialty salesman who sold the Raton business men the fans last spring. Fans make good advertising, and will last forever. In Raton, you never see a fan in use, unless possibly it be milady's bit of ivory and lace in use at the social events. Just for looks.

There's a funny story they tell about the official death of George Curry at Trinidad many years ago. But it emphasizes the fact that the governor is a live one, and his administration of territorial affairs is pretty apt to demonstrate this fact clearly in the next few months.

The father of Jim Jeffries, the champion heavy-weight of the world, was a visitor in Albuquerque last week. "Parson" Jeffries is a preacher in Los Angeles, California. When queried about his son, he said: "Oh, yes, he is a good boy, all right, Jim is, but he never got his fighting propensities from me. He got that from his mother. She approved of it as long as he won and she always made him understand that if he didn't win he need not come home after the fight."

We haven't time just now to explain why we hang the beggar who steals when hunger drives him mad. Really, we're in too big a hurry to say just why we coddle and fawn over the Napoleon of finance who manages to brain Wall Street long enough to steal a railway system, or play the pirate with a carload of stocks and bonds.

The January case, of Kansas City, a striking one.

Like Jean Valjean, he was an escaped convict who, when he won his freedom, determined to be a man. But, like Victor Hugo's famous hero, the bloodless hand of the law waited. What cared the law for regained security? What cared it for prison walls again—for the wife that wept in fearless agony—for the baby that waited at the open gate?

But there was an ex-convict—a prison friend.

For the pitiful sum of sixty dollars he would discover January. He found him. The police said it was distasteful—they called the reward "blood money."

So did the business men of Kansas City. So did the trial judge, the jury, so did they all.

For in Kansas City the word of January, has Charles W. Anderson, had come to be a gift-edged god.

Attorney General Bonaparte got that famous petition—he saw the multiplied thousands of names, and to Roosevelt he said:

"I consider it very important to

discourage attempts to escape among prisoners. As against this must be weighed the eminently beneficial effect of encouraging the real reformation of convicts. The orderly and law-abiding life of the petitioner cannot, indeed, be regarded as equivalent to meritorious service in the army or navy, but is very desirable that men in a situation like his should have an inducement to lead such a life."

And that opens the question— "Why does the law punish Smith who steals ten dollars, and never lays hands on Jones who steals ten millions?"

It is the problem of the convict's pilgrimage back to respectability and credit.

That's why Bailey Millard wrote his pungent article in the recent Saturday Post—"Making a New Start."

This is the age of the erring woman and the age of social ostracism.

This is the age of the released convict—and the age of business ostracism.

The financial machinery of this day turns out the accidental criminal—that's the word, "accidental criminal." Men there are who have yielded to an overpowering temptation; other times, men—every inch a man.

And this other question—After all is not the reclamation of the criminal class society's chief advantage? What is the relation of society to its Valjeans?

To lose our pity is to lose our greatness. It is hard to break out of jail. It is harder to break into society. We need the man that helps a man. That man is the public's benefactor.

The telegraphers' strike on the Postal and Western Union companies is proving a very costly affair, especially to the business interests of this country. In view of this, a conference of New York business men has been called. It is possible that a direct appeal for redress will be sent to Oyster Bay to be presented to President Roosevelt, by Commissioner Neill. According to accounts, the men at this conference declared that already the business interests of this country were damaged in the sum of millions of dollars because they could not transmit messages from east to west on reasonable time.

Notice.

The co-partnership between Frank O. Crocker and George E. Crocker, under the firm name of Crocker Bros., has been dissolved. All accounts due the firm must be paid to George E. Crocker. All bills against the firm will be settled by the undersigned.

GEO. E. CROCKER.

I have appointed G. M. Chandler and J. O. Rogers my agents to act for me in my absence.

GEO. E. CROCKER.

Cimarron, Sept. 4, 1907.

Levi W. Mann, of Wagon Mound, has been here several days. Mr. Mann has been doing quite an extensive business in furnishing sewing machines to the people in this part of the country.

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Locals and Personals

R. Sims, station engineer at the Rocky Mountain shops, is on the sick list.

Conductor Sekins, of the Rocky Mountain road, has returned from his vacation.

Mrs. Henry Lambert and her son, William, are spending several days in Raton.

Wm. L. Rupert, of Muscogee, I. T., has accepted a position in the Rocky Mountain storehouse.

A labor day ball was given at the Aztec Hall Monday evening at which a merry crowd was present.

A. D. Fairbanks, of Raton, who is with the Remsburg Mercantile company, spent last Sunday in Cimarron.

The ladies of the Methodist church will give a supper on Friday evening Sept. 6th from 5 o'clock to 8 at the church.

Frederic Whitney and David B. Cole went to Raton Tuesday morning on business. They expect to return Wednesday evening.

T. A. Schomberg, of Trinidad, was here for several days last week looking after his interests in the lumber company and the new railroad.

John W. Shea, a contractor on the Cimarron and Northwestern railroad, stopped here a few hours from his camp to Raton on legal business.

B. Gosinski, with May & Ellis, of New York City, was here recently taking orders from our merchants for laces, embroideries and dress goods.

Mansfield A. Farrell, formerly bookkeeper for the Raton Supply company, came down last Wednesday and spent two days here on business.

The Mexican circus came to town last Saturday and they have pitched their tents near the old bridge. Performances are given every afternoon and evening.

Daniel Roberts, Harry Lambert and Burt Lambert, all of Raton, passed through here Tuesday morning on their way to the Urasca mine in which they have a large interest.

Louis W. Galles, of Albuquerque, and O. Troves, of Kansas City, agents of the Great Northern Life Insurance company, were here working up an interest in their company.

Edward Springer and Henry Springer, both of Las Vegas came to town last Friday and will stay several weeks. They will make their headquarters at the Swastika hotel.

Miss Mercie E. Collins, of Illinois, arrived in town Friday night. Miss Collins has accepted a position as a stenographer in the office of the Cimarron Construction company.

A. S. Wheeler, of Garden City, Kansas, came down Wednesday night from Raton. Mr. Wheeler is a contractor and is interested in the grading work which is being done in the Vermejo canyon.

Miss Miriam Ellis, who has been spending two weeks of her vacation in Raton at the institute, arrived in town Monday and is stopping at the St. James hotel. She commences her school duties here next Monday.

William M. Marling, one of the proprietors of the Oxford, has recently purchased from Henry Grabel a dwelling house and two lots of land. Mrs. Marling and her two children arrived in town on Saturday evening.

Arthur H. Officer, of Raton, secretary and auditor of the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain and Pacific company, spent Wednesday night here, the guest of his son. Mr. Officer is interested in business enterprises here.

Doctor Saulsbury, who is connected with the Gate City drug store in Raton, was a guest at the Chase ranch the past week. The doctor spent the first part of his vacation in making improvements on his ranch at Colmar.

Norman W. Bartlett and Wm. T. Riley, both of Vermejo Park, and William E. English, of Chicago, were here three days as the guests of Fred Whitney. Mr. Bartlett has large cattle interests in the northern part of the county.

Now that the pile driver has arrived, work will be resumed immediately on the new county bridge. Let us hope that no further delay will be experienced in pushing this long needed public improvement to its completion.

Harvey L. Noll, travelling salesman of Wichita, Kansas, stopped at the St. James hotel two days last week. Mr. Noll has been taking orders from our merchants for the "Diamond C" soap manufactured by the Cudahy Packing company.

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bridge builder, was in town recently. Mr. Bridges has the contract to build all the bridges on the line of the new railroad up the Vermejo canyon. He came to town for medicine, having been very poorly for some time past.

Charles H. Colgrove, manager of the Maxwell Land Grant company, with his mother and sister, have gone to Elizabethtown to spend a month. During their absence Doctor and Mrs. Horatio Walker will occupy their residence.

A ball game was played at the ball park last Sunday afternoon between the railroad (Crabbs) team and the town (Swastika) team. The town team won by score of 11 to 4. Pitching of Will Brooks, batting of Mayhall features both of Swastika.

S. I. Amdursky, proprietor of the Cash Bargain Store in Raton, was here last week as a guest of his old friend, James Neish. While here, Mr. Amdursky looked the ground over with a view of opening a branch of his dry goods and clothing store in Cimarron.

The new hotel is to be called and known as the "Swastika". It was opened for the reception of guests last Friday under the management of Mrs. Savage. Fred Whitney gave a banquet there that evening to a company of his friends.

"Art" Fitzsimmons started from Raton on the four o'clock train on Saturday afternoon, last, for Koehler. But during the trip he got so thoroughly in the embrace of Morpheus that when he awoke he found himself for the night in Cimarron. It was not until the next day that he arrived at his destination.

The contractor announces that the new depot will be finished and ready for use in about three weeks. This will be welcome news to everyone in Cimarron who have occasion to use the railroad. The present box car is too small to accommodate either the increasing passenger transportation or the large express business.

Twenty-five persons went from here on the excursion to Ute Park last Monday Labor Day which was given under the auspices of Raton Lodge of Odd Fellows. Despite the rain they all seemed to enjoy the trip very much. The view from the car windows was one of unsurpassed beauty, especially around Cimarron canon and the Palisades.

A large and beautiful soda fountain

has arrived from Chicago at the New Drug Store during the past week and has been set up with all connections made and is now ready for business. All persons in want of a good cool drink are requested to call. Plain soda or ice cream soda always on hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wells, of St. Louis, Mo., came to town Saturday evening and are stopping at the St. James. Mr. Wells is connected with the firm of Maney Brothers, of Oklahoma, general contractors for the building of the Cimarron & Northwestern railroad. Mr. Wells is in this vicinity looking after the interests of the general contractors.

Rain! Rain!! Rain!!! It has rained here every day for the last ten days. Three of these days it has just poured. All of the reservoirs, wells, springs, tanks, and cisterns, are just running over. The Cimarron river is higher now than it has been in several years in the month of September. The farmers, hereabouts, find it too wet to put up their hay crops.

H. H. Argus of Buffalo, New York, O. W. Compton, of Independence, Kansas, R. W. and W. W. Argue, both of Lima, Ohio, spent one night at the St. James hotel last week on their way to Elizabethtown. They left early Thursday morning on the railway auto for the hills. Mr. Argue, Sr., has been interested in mining for several years in the Elizabethtown precinct.

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